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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : Frank Hintermaier
Serial No. : 09/161,196
Filed : September 25, 1998
Title : Capacitor Having A Barrier Layer Made Of A Transition Metal
Phosphide, Arsenide Or Sulfide
Examiner : Cuong Q. Nguyen - Art Unit: 2811.0

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 15, 2000, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the election requirement on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, applicants elect the species of the embodiment 1 described in page 11 to page 12, line 22, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the embodiment 2 described in page 12 line 24 to page 14, at a later date.

The following claims read on the elected embodiment 1 : claims 1-12.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits, and the allowance of all of the claims are solicited.

Petition for extension is herewith made. The extension fee for response within a period of one month pursuant to Section 1.136(a) in the amount of \$ 110.00 in accordance with Section 1.17 is enclosed herewith.

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